

Out-of-Work American Can Get Along Better Than Working Red

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The lot of the unemployed American, although not a happy one by American standards, is Utopian compared with that of the Russian who is employed.

The wages paid Russian workers in 1959-60 averaged about four rubles per hour of labor, the equivalent of \$80 per month at the rate of exchange at that time, according to latest international labor data. The average unemployment compensation paid to the American jobless during 1960 amounted to approximately \$32.87 a week, or about \$141 per month. Currently, the average check of the unemployed American is a little over \$34 a week, or approximately \$145 monthly, the family economics bureau of a leading national life insurance company reported last week.

EVEN THE lowest state unemployment compensation payments to an unemployed American worker are about twice the full-time salary of an unskilled worker in the Soviet Union, and equal to the pay of the average Russian hospital staff physician, which ranges between \$85 and \$100 a month.

Engineers apparently are still on the privileged class list, drawing down salaries ranging from \$100 to \$300 a month.

Do-it-Yourself Survival Course Scheduled Here

Unlike the Civil Defense courses which deal with the mechanics of the movement of people, clean-up and hospitalization, the Torrance Adult School will be offering a new course, "Individual and Family Survival," beginning Monday at South High School and Wednesday at Torrance High School.

Those enrolling in the new course will study the psychological aspects of the problems which arise during the time of disaster. It is intended to help people realize that if they are to exist in times of emergency, they must first learn not to panic but to calmly think about "what to do" in case of emergency.

The courses are being offered in cooperation with the state and federal government and will be taught by Grant C. Jones, science teacher at South High School. Each class will meet four times, covering a period of 12 hours training.

Additional courses will be opened on Monday, Nov. 13, at Torrance High School; Wednesday, Nov. 15, at North High School; Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Torrance High School; and Monday, Jan. 8, at North High School.

Persons who wish to be assured that in event of emergencies they can exist and will have a far better chance to save themselves and their families should attend these courses, school officials said.

Half-Price Policy at Polynesian

To encourage family dining at the Polynesian Restaurant, the tropical dining establishment has inaugurated a "half-price policy" on the island dinners.

That youngsters enjoy fabulous foods of the South Pacific is evidenced by their patronage. With the new policy now in effect, more budget-minded families are expected to dine together at The Polynesian.

Selection of island dishes at half-cost ranges from exotic chicken, seafood and pork specialties, to the cuisines of Tahiti, Hawaii, and Java.

Theater Group Now Casting For New Drama

"Auntie Mame," third production of Chapel Theater since its move into Torrance recently, is now getting started with Director Bob McCaman auditioning for the many roles in the play.

Final readings have been scheduled for Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and again Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the group's playhouse in Waverly.

while primary school teachers are paid between \$60 and \$90 a month, about the same as semi-skilled workers of the top bracket receive.

HOSPITAL PATIENT RECORDS — Electronic computers, which are gaining admittance in almost every field of endeavor these days, have now entered the hospital.

The records of 2.5 million patients discharged from hospitals in 1962 will be analyzed on an electronic computer in a continuing program to improve patient care and over-all hospital efficiency. The extensive project, which will be per-

formed in Ann Arbor, Mich., by the Commission of Professional and Hospital Activities as part of its professional activity study, is said to mark the first large-scale use of an electronic data processing system to analyze hospital records.

RESULTS OF the study are designed to enable hospitals to compare their patient-to-patient performance with scores of other institutions, according to Dr. Virgil N. Slee, commission director.

"Doctors and surgeons," he says, "also can compare their practices with other physicians in the hospitals where they

work, as well as with doctors in other institutions." The commission already has started in Detroit analyzing the clinical records of patients from 201 PAS member hospitals on the Honeywell D-1000 computer, and early in 1962 the commission will install a Honeywell 400 high-speed computer for full-time use at its Ann Arbor headquarters.

PREMIUM INTEREST — Thrift-conscious families in this country are showing a growing interest in coupon and stamp plans for premiums, a leader in the field reports.

In fact, two out of three fam-

ilies in the U.S. now participate in such plans, according to William S. Cutchins, president of Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp., maker of Raleigh cigarettes, the only cigarette brand currently carrying a coupon.

Emphasizing the growing importance of the premium offer was the opening in Louisville, Ky., last month of a new Raleigh Premium Center making possible the consolidation of all operations of the multi-million-dollar company program.

THE RALEIGH program is unique in that it is controlled entirely by the company—from design and printing of the coupons to distribution of premiums to customers.

The firm's newest catalogue offers 369 nationally advertised products. More than 10 million premiums and over 100 million premium catalogues have been distributed since the program started in 1932.

THINGS TO COME — A new 95-pound, two-passenger motor scooter capable of 40 mph. and able to climb 40 per cent grades, has been unveiled by an American firm. . . . An adjustable stand for an ordinary automobile jack to prevent a car from toppling or slipping after the car is lifted for repairs or tire changes is now available to motorists. . . . An outboard motor accessory, completely encircling the propeller in such a way as to reduce drag and concentrate jet action

is said to give a boat a fast lift and more pulling power. . . . A spring-tensioned rod of anodized aluminum tubing with rubber tips to protect finishes is said to hold books, magazines, and records firmly in place even on partially filled shelves. It adjusts for 9 1/2 to 14-inch shelf heights.

FARM PRODUCTION—This year's farm production is expected to equal last year's record crop despite an estimated four per cent decline made early in September. Government forecasters now estimate that output of milk, meat, eggs and other livestock products will increase five per cent over 1960, generally offsetting a decline in field crops.

Among production increases forecast are beef, up three per

cent to a new high. Turkey output, 26 per cent, and milk production at 124.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 billion from last year. Feed grain output, on the other hand, is expected to drop 11 per cent and a wheat harvest decline of 10 per cent is foreseen. A 29 per cent bigger soybean crop is anticipated and sugar and tobacco harvests also are expected to climb.

BITS O' BUSINESS — The switch to skim milk by well-informed consumers appears to be the trend today, dairy officials report. Skim milk sales so far this year are nine per cent above a year ago, while whole milk sales are down one per cent.

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